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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - MESSAGE RE CYPRUS FOR FAHMY
(S/S 7525346)

REF: CAIRO 13016

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN AND SOBER

1. THE PROBLEM. EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY HAS ASKED
AMBASSADOR EILTS (CAIRO 13016) FOR OUR LATEST READING ON
THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND WHETHER THE US IS CONSIDERING
ANY INITIATIVES TO TRY TO MOVE THE PROBLEM TOWARD RESO-
LUTION.

2. WE HAVE PREPARED A DRAFT TELEGRAM FOR YOUR APPROVAL
WHICH INSTRUCTS EILTS TO INFORM FAHMY OF OUR LATEST
INFORMATION RE THE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

BEGIN TEXT DRAFT TELEGRAM TO CAIRO: SUBJ: MESSAGE ON CYPRUS
FOR FAHMY. FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY. REF:CAIRO 13016

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-- YOU MAY TELL FAHMY THAT PROSPECTS FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR GOOD AT THIS TIME. WHEN I MET WITH BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL IN BRUSSELS I FOUND THEM BOTH IN AGREEMENT THAT SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE

BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING, THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED TO CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO WORK WITH THE PARTIES TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ON DECEMBER 19, THE GREEK AND TURKISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN MET WITH WALDHEIM TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES OF RESUMPTION.

-- ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST INFORMATION, WALDHEIM WILL

PROPOSE JANUARY 15 IN NEW YORK AS DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. REPORTEDLY, WALDHEIM WILL PRESIDE OVER TALKS FOR TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS WITH SUBSEQUENT TALKS TO BE HELD WITH PARTICIPATION OF SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ DE CUELLAR. IDEA IS TO WORK OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING NEW YORK PHASE ON KEY ISSUES SUCH AS TERRITORY, BIZONALITY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, ETC., LEAVING TECHNICAL WORK FOR POST-NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS.

-- WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST THE PARTIES AS THEY DESIRE, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INITIATIVES IN MIND AT THE MOMENT. WE WILL, HOWEVER, BE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PARTIES AS THEY ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE MAJOR ISSUES OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. END DRAFT TELEGRAM TO CAIRO.

3. RECOMMENDATION. THAT YOU APPROVE DRAFT CABLE TO CAIRO.

APPROVE..... DISAPPROVE.....

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